

April 15, 2018

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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH

RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

New to our community? We're so happy you joined us this weekend and we'd love to have you worship with us regularly. Come discover the peace that comes from following our Lord Jesus. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.



FULFILLED

Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism - Part One

SONJA CORBITT

Our group study of the popular book *Fulfilled* from Ascension Press will include video and discussion as well as a break for homemade snacks. The small group study is being offered in a private home beginning on Thursday May 10 from 6-8pm and ending on June 21. The group is limited to 8 but we must have at least 4 in order to run the study. The cost for the book and workbook is \$25. To join the group and purchase materials, sign up at <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/28353/registrations/new> or contact Bonnie Doherty if you need her to sign you up and purchase the materials. For more information or questions: bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366.

THE GOSPEL OF **JOHN**

Please join us for a prayerful study of the Fourth Gospel, its history and its theology. Besides looking at some background considerations, we'll also explore the major themes particular to this inspired book of Sacred Scripture.

Presenter: Rachel Voiland

Classes will take place in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse for four consecutive weeks:

Thursdays April 26, May 3, 10, and 17
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **OR** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

To register for either the morning or the evening sessions, please email rachelvoiland@comcast.net or call Rachel at 978-683-8138. Copies of the Bible will be available for your use.

Moms' Night Out

Women of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes are invited to bring a friend and join other Moms for an uplifting evening of fellowship, followed by a faith filled presentation.

Sunday, May 20th at 6pm
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

Bring a dessert to share
Coffee & tea will be provided
Kindly Register on link found on
methuencatholic.org

ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA



Tuesday April 24, 2018
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in our monthly Ultreya. Our evening begins with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small, intimate, and confidential groups, fellowship & refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend **Mary Smith** of Holy Cross Parish in Derry, NH (formerly of St. Lucy's) who has been invited to offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

THE TOUCHING OF THOMAS

St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes
Young Adult Ministry Presents



"Jesus' Resurrection:
The Pattern of Our Own!
Oh, What a Glory!"

with FR. JOSEPH (IRENAIOS) THOMAS, BSO

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 7:00 pm

Brick House Tavern + Tap
105 Pleasant Valley St. Methuen, MA

For more info: Isabela Peixoto (978) 476 - 1004

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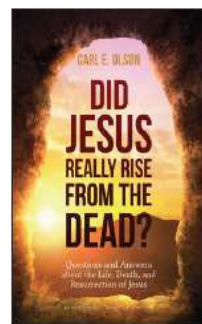
If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To quickly register for Formed please go to methuencatholic.formed.org. We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Did Jesus Really Rise From The Dead?

The Truth of the Resurrection

Using a popular question-and-answer format, Carl Olson examines the historical evidence concerning Jesus's controversial fate. Whether you are a believer, a skeptic, or something in between, prepare to be challenged by the logical arguments in this provocative and insightful book.



"This book argues convincingly that the Resurrection actually occurred and that all the arguments against its historicity have fallen flat."

—Karl Keating, Catholic Answers

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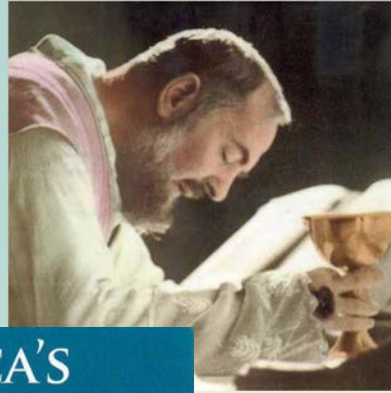
Please pray for Angelina Cucinotta, Angelina Maglia, Paul McGuire, Walter Topham, Albert Bilobeau, Lucy Maciariello, Gaetana Polizzotti, Patricia Fitzmaurice, Pauline Martin, Michelina Perrotta, Michael Busky, Patricia Parent, Rose Miano, Ruth Lavalley, Rita De Cola, Doris Pappalardo, Vanessa Dexter, Vincent Minicucci, Emile Parent, Marianna DeNuzzio, Mary Farrell, Hugh Doherty, Raymond Marquette, Guiseppina Cunsolo, and Ryan Thistle whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

Help Our Youth Serve Our Community

If you expect to have some Spring cleaning or clean-up projects around your yard this month, allow the youth of our community to help out on their annual service day on **Saturday, April 28th**.

Send your name to Mark Forrester at youth.stlm@gmail.com.



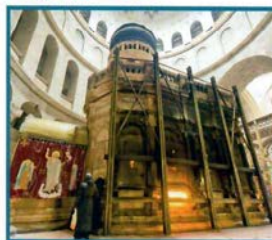
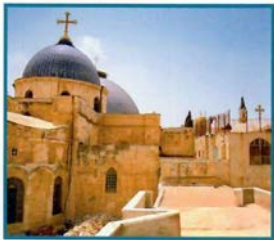
SAINT PIO COMES TO MANCHESTER, NH Monday, April 30th

The relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina – better known as Padre Pio – will tour several Archdioceses and Dioceses in the United States during

2018 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his passing. The relics will be on display in St. Joseph's Cathedral, 145 Lowell St. Manchester, NH on April 30. Veneration will take place from 8:00 a.m.– 5:30 p.m. Bishop Peter Libasci will celebrate Mass at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Saint Pio Foundation <http://www.saintpiofoundation.org/> Watch a brief video about the tour of the Relics of Padre Pio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHX1FY1BFZA>

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Group Calendars for 2018/2019

In order to plan for the upcoming fall, winter, and spring seasons, we are requesting that all groups or individuals who will be using either the St. Monica or St. Lucy campuses to make a listing of the date and place they would like to use from September 2018 through June 2019. Please either drop off, mail or email

(methuencatholicnews@gmail.com) the calendar dates and location wanted to Isabela Peixoto in the Parish Offices by **May 1, 2018**. The calendars will be reviewed and there will be a meeting later in the month to reconcile any conflicts with the dates or locations.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, cereal, and canned spaghetti. Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

MASSt INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 14

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Helen Gibadlo
Clifford M. Burke

4:00 pm

Philip, Johanna, &
William Muhilly

Sunday, April 15

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Vincent Jablonski
In thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Walter Topham
Anthony Spitalere
Helen Fredette **(Living)**

In thanksgiving to
Our Lady of Fatima
Anthony Fusco Sr.

11:30 am

Thursday, April 19

7:00 am

Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne

Friday, April 20

8:15 am

Joseph Klufts

Saturday, April 21

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Frances M. Houlihan
James H. Hourihan
Mary Anne MacLean
Cheryl Ann Holzman

4:00 pm

Eva and Joseph Austin

Sunday, April 22

7:30 am

Robert Barbieri

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Jeanette Hamel
Manuel Cordeiro
Mathieu Roy
Benjamin St. Pierre
In thanksgiving to St. Jude
Anna Inman

11:30 am

Andrew and Virginia Sullivan

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

**Eugene Cusack
Cecile and Peter Checovich
Theresa A. Rickley
Michael and Linda Giarrusso**



If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities, for a donation of \$10, we'll purchase a rose and place it in the vase before the statue of the Blessed Mother for a week. Please contact the parish office at (978) 683-1193.

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

**Dylan Michael Dumont
Ryan Eric Krzywicki**



Immerse them in the waters of your life and love. Seal them with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate their path with the light of your hope. Clothe them with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

Join us for Tea & Treasure at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on **Monday, April 16**. For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

Offertory

April 8, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$13,472.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things."
— Lk 24:44, 48

ST. LUCY

60th Anniversary YEAR

April 15 ICE CREAM PARTY at 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall for the children in the St. Lucy Faith Formation Program after their last class.

June 16



Contact: Larry Giordano (978) 360 - 9256

October 20 - HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey at 4:00 p.m.

- 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at Michael's Function Hall
12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA
5:30 p.m. Social Hour | 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Full Course Family Style Dinner
Donation: \$50 | Music and dancing to follow!

Offertory

April 8, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$8,619.00

2nd collection for our religious ed. program: \$1,242.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 14

4:00 pm Joseph & Gertrude Sarro

Sunday, April 15

9:00 am Aida Saade

11:00 am Michelangelo Iuvara

Mary Ganimy

Salvatore, Rose, and

Lucy Sapuppo

Rita DeCola

Monday, April 16

8:00 am Janet Szostak

Tuesday, April 17

8:00 am George & Gloria Colizzi

Wednesday, April 18

8:00 am Edward Boyle

Saturday, April 21

4:00 pm Richard A. Kirsch Sr.

and Richard A. Kirsch

Sunday, April 22

9:00 am Fred and Irene Leocata

11:00 am Filippo Cali

Giuseppe and Carmela

Ardizzone

Alfio, Rosetta, and

Vito Cunsolo

Francesco and Maria

Galvagno

Sebastiano and

Tina Consoli

Lucille Guimond

Maria Torrisi,

Nunzia Torrisi, and

Rosamaria Torrisi

Paul Burke

Vincent Minicucci

Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today. Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SODALITY**



Sunday, May 6:

- The **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary** at the 9:00 am Mass.
- Followed by the praying of the **Rosary**.
- Instead of our monthly meeting this day, join us for the **Sodality Brunch** at 11:30 am at the Atkinson Country Club.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Pilgrimage to St. Anthony Franciscan Friary, Kennebunk, Me. June 2
- Recommitment to the Blessed Virgin Mary June 10

MEN'S GUILD



Members of the Men's Guild invite all men of St. Lucy's Parish to come join us!

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Guest Speaker – Joseph Cronin of St. Ann's Home *One of our own Members*

You are invited to learn more about who we are, share in our meetings/activities and offer suggestions as we come together to support our Parish... Feel free to bring a friend!!

Immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass in the St. Lucy's Church Hall. Any questions please call Larry @ 978-360-9256 or Jack @978-373-2376

St. Lucy's Men's Guild

Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St. Joseph who meet regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their families, in their parishes, and in their community.

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

St. Monica/St. Lucy 2017-2018 Basketball Banquet on April 4.

Thank you to all the coaches, players, families, and everyone who supported the program. We had a great season with Nathan Merrill as the director, and look forward to next year!



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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

MARRIAGES. Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall. 9

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St. Lucy Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (for Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

St. Monica Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 pm (for Sunday)

Sunday: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish

Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church

Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366
For St. Lucy's, please contact Ellen Wholley at (978) 682 - 8459. If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

BAPTISMS. Please call the parish office.

St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

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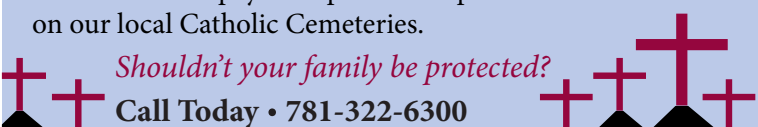
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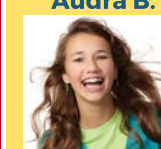


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